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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics, Indian Health Clinics, Hospitals, Clinics, Mental Health Clinics, Behavioral Health Services, Psychologists, Screening Centers, Infant & Toddler Providers and Local Education Agencies

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Developmental Services Procedure Codes 96110 and G0451

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There has been a significant national discussion related to the changes in the 2012 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) procedure codes. The CPT procedure code 96110 definition has been revised from "Developmental testing; limited" to a screening procedure "Developmental screening, with interpretation and report, per standardized instrument form". A new Healthcare Common Procedure Coding (HCPS) code G0451 "Developmental testing, with interpretation and report, per standardized instrument form," has been established.

The IME is committed to supporting the provision of developmental screening and testing. One of the Medicaid pediatric health care quality measures that Iowa Medicaid reports to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) annually is the number of children that received a multi-domain developmental test. The IME has implemented these definitions in the procedure codes. Please review and modify your billing practices with the new definitions. Testing services should be billed as G0451 or 96111. Screening services should be billed as 96110. An example of a screening tool is a 3-4 question validated tool.

The definition of CPT procedure code 96111, Developmental testing, (includes assessment of motor, language, social, adaptive, and/or cognitive functioning by standardized developmental instruments) with interpretation and report has not changed. If your service meets this definition please use this code.

If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-256-4609 or email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.